

BES GO TOP!

BERGER IS PREM		
	P	Pts
Wycombe	35	65
Slough	32	64
Enfield	33	59
Harrow	34	54
Sutton	31	52
Dagenham	33	48
Leytonstone	30	47
Bromley	33	47
Hayes	32	47
Staines	34	44
Hendon	33	43
Dulwich	34	43
*Barking	37	43
Tooting	36	41
Harlow	32	39
Leatherhead	35	37
Carshalton	30	37
Walthamstow	31	37
Hitchin	29	36
Boreham Wood	32	36
Woking	34	36
Croydon	30	33

* 2 points deducted for i

Dulwich crushed in the first half

By MICHAEL KNOX Wycombe 4, Dulwich 1

WYCOMBE are back where they belong — on top of the Berger Isthmian League.

The Blues' comfortable victory over struggling Dulwich on Saturday put them one point clear of close rivals Slough Town, who slipped to a shock 2-1 defeat at Tooting.

Slough are still favourites to take the title as they have three games in hand. But Wycombe must be in with a chance of becoming Premier Division champions for the first time in six years.

Manager Mike Keen could not hide his delight when he heard of Slough's defeat. "The lads deserve to be top. They have kept battling away and who knows what might happen in the next few weeks?"

The result which took Wanderers top was put virtually beyond doubt by half time, when they held a commanding 3-0 lead. The second half was a non-event until each side popped up with a goal in injury time.

Goal spree

Dulwich, for whom this was a seventh consecutive defeat, were unlucky not to go ahead in the first 15 minutes when Tony James shot against a post. But once they fell behind, they collapsed alarmingly.

The goal that started the goal spree came in the 25th minute following Wycombe's second corner.

The ball was half cleared to Jimmy Jacobs, playing at right back in place of the injured Paul Birdseye. He crossed the ball back into the middle and Gary Toll reacted quicker than the defence to stab the ball past the advancing goalkeeper.

Five minutes later Wycombe went further ahead with the best goal of the match. Mick Holfield, who had a storming game on his return to the first team, broke down the left and played the ball inside to Glynn. The striker laid it into

the path of Howard Kennedy who struck a crisp low shot under Engin Salih from 15 yards.

Slovenly

After Bob Dell had nearly hit the corner flag with an attempted shot, Glynn made it 3-0 in the 40th minute, rounding off a neat three man move to score from close range.

The match as a contest should have been over, but Blues relaxed after the break and much of their second half performance was slovenly.

With the dangerous Ossie Bayram being given plenty of room, Dulwich suddenly found themselves creating chances. But their finishing was no better than other aspects of their play, so

Wycombe's slightly lax attitude went unpunished.

The second half was much interrupted by injury, as players had trouble turning in the cloying mud. The worst casualty was Glynn, who had to leave the field in the 73rd minute with a damaged knee.

He was replaced by Ken Wilson, who set up Wycombe's fourth goal in injury time. His cross from the right found Steve Long unmarked in front of goal and Long does not miss chances like that.

Penalty

Then just before the end Dulwich finally found the net. Gary Lester did well to turn Bayram's fierce shot on to the bar, but the ball rebounded to Nigel Blazey whose close range shot was

handled on the line by George Borg (a former Dulwich player).

Lester went the right way at the resulting penalty kick but Terry Eames' fierce shot just beat him.

Nobody cared at that stage for they soon heard of Slough's defeat and Wycombe fans and players went home happy knowing they were top of the league.

But for how long? This Saturday's visit to champions Enfield should provide part of the answer.

WYCOMBE: G. Lester, J. Jacobs, G. Borg, R. Davies, K. Mead, R. Dell, S. Long, H. Kennedy, T. Glynn (sub: K. Wilson 73 mins), G. Toll, M. Holfield.

DULWICH: E. Salih, P. Kingston, A. Edwards, T. Eames, M. Denton, A. Field, C. Lewington, N. Blazey, T. Newby (sub: K. Connert 75 mins), A. James, O. Bayram.

Referee: M. Cotton (Sutton).
Half-time 3-0. Scorers: Wycombe — Toll (25 mins), Kennedy (30), Glynn (40), Long (90). Dulwich — Eames (pen 90).
Attendance: 827.

A tough battle against Chelsea

WYCOMBE Wanderers face a tough task tonight (Tuesday) when they entertain a Chelsea XI for a friendly at Loakes Park.

Chelsea, faltering in the Division Two promotion race, include several well-known faces for this attractive encounter, which is the Blues last contest before their crucial league visit to Enfield on Saturday.

Included in the Chelsea line-up will be goal-scoring winger Clive Walker, who has moved into the High Wycombe area, plus other first teamers Ian Britton and Micky Nutton.

Wycombe will probably rest their two casualties Paul Birdseye and Terry Glynn to give them more time to recover from their injuries.

Birdseye is still nursing a bruised back following a tobogganing accident, while

Glynn injured a knee in the second half against Dulwich. After the match he was confident that he would be fit enough to meet his old Enfield colleagues.

Manager Mike Keen is likely to give a run-out to several members of the Reserve team, who have performed so well of late.

Scott scores

Terry Scott scored twice for Wycombe Reserves as they overcame an Addlestone Reserves side, strengthened by four first teamers, 4-1.

Other goals in the Reserves' ninth Suburban League North Division away win, out of 12 were Nick Shrimpton and Andy Hunt.

Semi-final date

ENGLISH Schools Trophy semi-final between High Wycombe under 15s and East London will be played at Loakes Park on Monday, March 23, starting at 7.30 pm.

This will be Wycombe's seventh successive match on

the ground and they must be slight favourites to go through to the final, although their opponents possess the England Schools captain David Kerslake. In the other semi-final Sunderland meet either South London or Blackburn.